(*e*) Tahsildar late Mr. K. K. Gopalakrishna Aiyar.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) The complaints were verified and action was taken on their merits.

(*i*) Yes.

(*j*) As the Tahsildar Mr. Gopalakrishna Aiyar who submitted the report is dead, it is not possible to answer this question now.

Appointment of acting hands in the Revenue Department in the undergraduate scale.

322. **MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR** (*Ambalapuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any definite method in appointing acting hands in the Revenue Department in the undergraduate scale ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There is no undergraduate scale now. The distinction between graduate and undergraduate scales has been abolished by G. O. Dis. No. 431/21/P. W., dated 26-4-1926, under which both graduates and non-graduaies ha ve to start on the lowest grade, at least one-third of the vacancies in the lowest grade being reserved for non-graduates. The claims of all communities consistent with efficiency and qualification are kept in view in making appointments.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*) : May I know how the seniority among acting hands is determined ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : By the date of first appointment.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*) : For instance, may I know, as between a person who was first appointed in a short acting vacancy of 30 days on the 1st Chingom 1107 and another who was first appointed in another short vacancy of 40 days on the 10th of Chingam 1107, who would be senior ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : That is a hypothetical question. The person who was appointed on the 1st of Chingom would, I think, be the senior.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*) : Is it the date of first appointment or the length of acting period that determines seniority ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The date of first appointment ordinarily determines the seniority.

Irregularities detected in the various pakuthies of the Quilon taluk.

323. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of defalcations or other irregularities found out in the various pakuthies of the Quilon taluk in 1106 and 1107 ;

(*b*) the names of persons who were punished on account of it together with—

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